

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the time and effort taken by the Examiner during the Examiner interview conducted on February 26, 2007. The substance of that interview has already been reported in the statement filed April 5, 2007. As indicated in that statement, Applicants have amended the claims in this amendment such that the art grounds of rejection previously made by the Examiner have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner formally withdraw those art grounds of rejection, and a favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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